

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A toy cotton candy machine, comprising: ~~a) a base with a drive motor and an upwardly extending fixed shaft, a primary power switch, a power cord and a power plug; b) a bowl engaging the base by securement means including a detent; c) a spinner enclosed within a stationary, insulating top cap, the top cap held in place on the shaft by a lock nut; d) a time-based logic controller adapted to control a plurality of machine functions; and e) a heater adapted to supply heat to the spinner, the machine further comprising at least one structural safety feature and at least one operational safety feature.~~ a base having a rotatable shaft; a spinner attached to said rotatable shaft such that said spinner is adapted to rotate conjointly with said rotatable shaft; and a stationary cap having an inner cavity, said spinner being positioned substantially within said inner cavity of said stationary cap such that said spinner is substantially inaccessible to a user.

2-10. (Canceled)

11. (Withdrawn) An electrically activated device comprising: a) an operational unit; b) a protective cover adapted to prevent a user from contacting the operational unit; c) a power cord and a power plug adapted to energize the operational unit; d) a lock nut with a removal-resistant shape adapted to hold the protective cover in place; and e) a removal tool with an aperture conformal with the removal-resistant shape, wherein the removal tool is affixed to the power cord immediately adjacent to the power plug, whereby the power plug must be unplugged in order to permit the removal tool to remove the lock nut.

12. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 1, further comprising a sensor attached to said base, said stationary cap including a magnet adapted to generate a magnetic field which can be sensed by said sensor when said magnet is in close proximity to said sensor.

13. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 12, wherein said sensor includes a reed switch.

14. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 1, further comprising a heat sink positioned within said inner cavity of said stationary cap and above said spinner so as to substantially block access to said spinner.

15. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 14, further comprising a stationary shaft sized and shaped so as to be coaxially received within said rotatable shaft, said stationary shaft being attached to said stationary cap.

16. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 15, further comprising a nut connected to said stationary shaft and sized and shaped so as to retain said stationary cap on said stationary shaft; an electrical plug attached to said base; and removal means for facilitating the removal of said nut from said stationary shaft, said removal means being attached to said electrical plug, wherein said removal means is adapted to mate with said nut when said electrical plug is removed from an associated outlet.

17. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 16, wherein said base includes a heating assembly sized and shaped so as to provide heat to said spinner, said heating assembly including a thermostat sized and shaped so as to prevent heat from being generated by said heating assembly when a predetermined temperature is reached.

18. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 17, further comprising a time-based logic controller positioned in said base and adapted to emit an

audible alarm after the toy cotton candy machine is in operation for a predetermined period of time.

19. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 18, wherein said time-based logic controller is adapted to prevent heat from being generated by said heating assembly after said predetermined period of time, while allowing the continued rotation of said spinner.

20. (New) A toy cotton candy machine, comprising a base having a rotatable shaft; a sensor attached to said base; a stationary cap including an inner cavity and a magnet adapted to generate a magnetic field which can be sensed by said sensor when said magnet is in close proximity to said sensor; and a spinner attached to said rotatable shaft such that said spinner is adapted to rotate conjointly with said rotatable shaft, said spinner being positioned substantially within said inner cavity of said stationary cap such that said spinner is substantially inaccessible to a user.

21. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 20, wherein said sensor comprises a reed switch.

22. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 21, further comprising a heat sink positioned within said inner cavity of said stationary cap and above said spinner so as to substantially block access to said spinner.

23. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 22, further comprising another sensor mounted to said base, and a steel plate installed in said spinner, said steel plate adapted to generate a magnetic field which can be sensed by said another sensor when said steel plate is in close proximity to said another sensor.

24. (New) A toy cotton candy machine, comprising a base having a rotatable shaft; a stationary cap having an inner cavity; a heat sink positioned within said inner cavity of said stationary cap; and a spinner attached to said rotatable shaft such that said spinner is adapted to rotate conjointly with said rotatable shaft, said spinner being positioned substantially within said inner cavity of said stationary cap and below said heat sink so as to substantially block access to said spinner.

25. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 24, further comprising a sensor attached to said base, said stationary cap including a magnet adapted to generate a magnetic field which can be sensed by said sensor when said magnet is in close proximity to said sensor.

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26. (New) The toy cotton candy machine according to Claim 25, wherein said base includes a heating assembly sized and shaped so as to provide heat to said spinner, said heating assembly including a thermostat sized and shaped so as to prevent heat from being generated by said heating assembly when a predetermined temperature is reached.